

Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities

POLICY

Policy #: 01-ALL-ALL-0094 Subject: "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR)
 Orders/Emergency Care
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The following definitions will apply:
AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL – An individual over the age of 18, parent of a minor child, or (court-appointed) legal guardian.
CARDIAC ARREST – Absence of a palpable pulse.
CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) - A combination of artificial respiration and manual circulation for use in cases of cardiac arrest which includes the following components: Administration of chest compressions; insertion of an artificial airway; administration of resuscitation drugs; defibrillation or cardioversion; provision of respiratory assistance; initiation of a resuscitative intravenous line; and initiation of cardiac monitoring.
DEGENERATIVE CONDITION – A condition, which is determined by a physician, with a reasonable degree of medical certainty, to be worsening and which will ultimately result in loss of vital organ (cardiac or respiratory) functioning.
DO NOT RESUSCITATE (DNR) ORDER – A written directive issued by a physician, Certified Nurse Practitioner or Certified Nurse Specialist as provided in Administrative Code § 3701-62-02 that identifies a person and specifies that CPR should not be administered to the person so identified. The DNR order shall be implemented in accordance with the DNR protocol.
DNR Comfort Care – DNR protocol is activated when the DNR order is issued or when a declaration that includes a directive that the person not receive CPR becomes effective.
DNR Comfort Care-Arrest – A person with an approved DNR Comfort Care-Arrest Order has the DNR protocol activated only when the person experiences cardiac or respiratory arrest.
FIRST AID - Immediate care given to an individual who has been injured or who has suddenly taken ill.
DNR PROTOCOL – Standardized method of procedure for the withholding of CPR as provided in Administrative Code § 3701-62.
LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT – Any medical procedure, treatment, intervention, or other measure that, when administered, will serve principally to prolong the process of dying.
PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE – A condition, which is determined by a physician, with a reasonable degree of medical certainty, to include the following elements:
 1. A clinical condition of complete unawareness of self and environment, accompanied by sleep-wake cycle, with either complete or partial preservation of hypothalamic and brain-stem autonomic functions;
 2. No evidence of sustained, reproducible, purposeful or voluntary behavioral responses to visual, auditory, tactile, or noxious stimuli;
 3. No evidence of language comprehension or expression;
 4. Having bowel or bladder incontinence;
 5. Having variable preserved cranial-nerve and spinal reflexes; and,
 6. The vegetative state is either:
 a. Present one month after acute traumatic or non-traumatic brain injury; or
 b. Lasting for at least one month in an individual with degenerative or metabolic disorders or developmental malformations.
TERMINAL CONDITION – An irreversible, incurable, and untreatable condition caused by disease, illness, or injury from which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty as determined in accordance with reasonable medical standards by an attending physician and one other physician who has examined the patient. In this case there can be no recovery, and death is likely to occur within a relatively short time if life-sustaining treatment is not administered.
RESPIRATORY ARREST – Absence of spontaneous respirations or presence of agonal breathing.
 It is the policy of the Wood County Board of DD that all employees will, upon discovering a life-threatening emergency, call Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and provide emergency care until EMS arrives and takes over the scene.

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